

# BELPRES CHURCH

## KEEP BELPRES WEIRD

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<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Matthew 5:11-16

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### Discussion Questions: Read Matthew 5:1-16

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1. How do the eight Beatitudes ("Blessed are those who..." statements) relate to the promise that follows them?
2. Which of the Beatitudes do you relate to the most? Why? Which do you relate to the least? Why?
3. Why does Jesus use the image of light and salt to describe who his followers are called to be? What are the properties of each? How does each inform us of the lifestyle Jesus calls us to?
4. Who is an example of salt and light that you know? Why?
5. What does this passage tell you that is most relevant to your life right now? Explain.